

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF A HIRING FREEZE)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
FOR SUPERIOR & JUSTICE COURTS)	NO. 2002-130
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WHEREAS the Superior and Justice Courts are subject to substantial budget reductions at the State and County levels;

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Charles E. Jones has declared a fiscal emergency in the Judicial Branch of Arizona (Admin Order No. 2002-113) and has ordered Presiding Judges to “examine all expenditures and sources of revenue available to the court and identify all constitutional and statutory mandates to ensure that such mandates are given funding priority.”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Admin Order No. 2002-113, Presiding Judges are to “utilize funds available to meet constitutional and statutory duties. If additional local funding is not available, the presiding judge shall prioritize court activity and shift funds, as necessary, from discretionary to mandatory activity.”

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that a hiring freeze be instituted for the Superior and Justice Courts in Maricopa County, effective December 23, 2002 and until further notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- (1) The hiring freeze is applicable to all Superior and Justice Court positions, with the exception of Judicial Officers (Judges, Justice of the Peace, Commissioners, Hearing Officers), Judicial Assistants and Bailiffs;
- (2) Exemptions to the hiring freeze may be granted by the Presiding Judge, based upon operational demands of the Court, availability of funds, source of funds and other relevant factors;
- (3) Requests for exemptions to the hiring freeze shall be directed to the Trial Courts Administrator, via the Court Administrators for the Superior and Limited Jurisdiction Courts, for review and recommendation to the Presiding Judge; and

- (4) The Court Human Resources Department shall maintain a roster of all current and forthcoming position vacancies, status of the positions, fiscal savings and other relevant information.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2002

Colin F. Campbell
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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